

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: To be assigned)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Divisional of Application No.: 09/948,785)	
)	Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: October 1, 2003)	
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For: MULTI-LAYER OPTICAL RECORDING)	
MEDIUM AND METHOD OF)	
MANUFACTURING THE SAME)	

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three-months of the filing date of the above-referenced divisional application. The listed documents were previously cited in the co-pending Application No. 09/948,785, filed on September 10, 2001, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed documents are not being submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO 1449 form.

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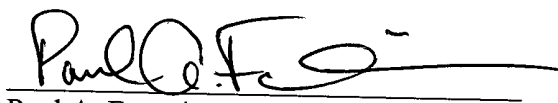
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Respectfully submitted,

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